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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/994,555	Applicant(s) KRISHNAKUMAR ET AL.	
	Examiner Suzanne E. McDowell	Art Unit 1732	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-13 and 29-35 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 14-16, 20 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 17-19, 21-24, and 26-28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of Group I in the reply filed on 4/23/04 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).
2. Claims ~~8~~-13 and 29-35 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 4/23/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 7, 14-16, 20, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Uehara et al. (JP 404138241). Uehara et al. discloses a method of in-mold handle attachment by directing a refrigerant through a refrigerant introducing rod (52) and onto a portion of a bottle (22) where the handle (40) is brought into contact with the side face of the bottle. The bottle is in contact with the mold surface and the refrigerant introducing rod is inside the bottle while the refrigerant is being directed (see Figure 1). The refrigerant necessarily accelerates the cooling of the portion of the bottle to which it is directed.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-6 are allowed.

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4. Claims 17-19, 21-24, and 26-28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest, in a method of in-mold handle attachment by forming a portion of a container about a retaining member on the handle during blow-molding, the step of after forming the container portion about the retaining member, directing a cooling medium at the location of the container portion, or the step of directing the refrigerant medium through the stretch rod, or the step of partial exhaust or slow exhaust of the cooling medium, or the step of supplying the cooling medium with a high-pressure source. Yanagisawa et al. (US Patent 5,338,503) teaches controlling the temperature of the parison in a handle – attaching portion of the parison, but does not teach any cooling after blowing. Kawachi (JP 05-261799) and Uehara et al. (US Patent 5,182,122) teach coolant directed through a stretch rod, but does not teach a handle, or cooling only a portion of the container. There is no reason to combine these with Uehara et al. (JP 404138241) since there is no handle or cooling a portion of the container where the handle is attached thereto. Grob et al. (US Patent 6,444,158) teaches a general method of in-mold handle attachment, but does not teach any cooling.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne E. McDowell whose telephone number is (571) 272-1205. The examiner can normally be reached on M, W, Th 6:30-4.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael P. Colaianni can be reached on (571) 272-1196. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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